

## Determining How You Organize Concepts

### Abstract learners tend to...

- Prefer discovering possibilities and relationships.
- Dislike repetition.
- Be better at grasping new concepts and are often more comfortable with theories and generalizations.
- Work faster and are more creative.
- Not like courses that involve a lot of memorization and routine calculations.
- Be quick, but careless.
- Like variety and innovation.
- Like complications.
- Be imaginative.
- Go on hunches.

### Concrete learners tend to...

- Like learning facts.
- Like solving problems by well-established methods and dislike complications and surprises.
- Be patient with details and good at memorizing facts and doing hands-on work.
- Be more practical and careful.
- Not like courses that have no apparent connection to the real world.
- Be careful, but slower.
- Have more difficulty with timed tests.
- Be very thorough.
- Be practical.
- Gather information through senses, what they touch, see, and hear.

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Strategies for learning and organizing information:

### Abstract Learning Strategies

- Ask yourself open-ended questions about the material, i.e., How? What? Why?
- Check your work for errors.

### Concrete Learning Strategies

- Focus on examples and applications of course material.
- Review drill-and-practice exercises in the course.
- Read questions thoroughly before answering them.
- Summarize the course content in your own words.